कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम): (क) जी, नहीं। कृषि मंत्रालय द्वारा ऐसी कोई योजना कार्यान्वित नहीं की जा रही है।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न ही नहीं होता।

Availability of Foodgrains

2458. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the per capita availability of foodgrains by the year 2000 A.D. will be less than what it is today;

(b) what are the projections to indicate the availability of foodgrains per capita by the year 2000 A.D.; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Given the projected rate of growth of population income and production, the per capita availability of foodgrains is expected to improve by 2000 A.D.

Plant Variety Bill

2459. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of the proposed "Plant Variety Bill" of 1993;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Bill has been referred to the Committee of Secretaries;

(c) what were the areas of differences with the Law Ministry; and

(d) the full details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The proposal containing essential ingredients for Sui-Generis System of Protection of Plan Varieties is under finalisation in consultation with Ministry of Law as per the prescribed procedure. The proposal has been considered by the Committee of Secretaries.

(c) and (d) The Law Ministry had sought clarification on issues like proposed penal provision in the event of infringment, period of protection and duration of transition period etc. which has been furnished.

New Agricultural Policy

2460. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether new agricultural policy will create more employment and income opportunities in rural areas and tribal sectors; and

(b) the total out-put of foodgrains in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise and against this output what was the demand and supply for the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Creation of gainful employment opportunities and generation of higher incomes in rural areas is the major objective of the Draft Agriculture Policy Resolution placed in Parliament on 14th May, 1993.

(b) The total output of foodgrains in the country during the last three years, year-wise and state-wise, is given in the enclosed statement. (*see* below) The demand for foodgrains largely depends upon factors like population, their income levels, prevailing price levels, availability of substitute food items, etc. During this period, the country was able to meet the demand for foodgrains from domestic production with marginal imports.

Statement

Estimate of Production of total foodgrains

State	Production (Thousand Tonnes)		
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94 Anti-cipated (as on 13.6.94)
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	11705.4	11329.3	11618
Arunachal Pradesh	219.8	194.5	*
Assam	3379.2	3447.0	3533
Bihar	10638.4	9167.8	12451
Goa	147.1	150.1	*
Gujarat	3393.5	5409.7	3675